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FACT SHEET Provisional Ballots

As part of an aggressive voter education campaign the Michigan Department of Civil Rights issues the below facts to clarify the Provisional Ballot process. <u>If you registered to vote, you can still vote if your name does not appear on the local clerk's list of registered voters.</u>

IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THE LIST:

- \triangleright **Do not give up!** If you registered by October 6^{th} , you can still vote!
- > If you have your registration receipt, just show it and you can vote.
- ➤ If you don't have a receipt ask the election worker to help you make sure you are in the correct precinct.
- ➤ If you're in the wrong place go to the right one. Your vote will not be counted if you cast it in the wrong precinct.
- > Only if you are positive you are in the correct precinct, ask for a provisional ballot. You will be asked to fill out a new application and answer some questions about where you live and when you registered. If your answers establish that you should be on the list, you will be able to vote.
- **Provisional ballots** may go into the scanner and be counted immediately or they may go into a sealed envelope for the clerk to review later. If your ballot is placed in an envelope you will be given instructions on how to follow up to be sure your vote is counted.